

VOLUNTEERS

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

- 2005 - 2007
 - Dr. Newberry: core leader with passion
 - More than 100 other volunteers
 - Thousands of volunteer hours
 - Truly sweat equity “in the patch”

A HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CAME OUT TO WORK ON KUDZU



KUDZU KOLLEGE TRAINING FOR PRESERVE VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED BY THE COALITION



SAFETY & SUCCESS IN THE PATCH

- **Fauna (critters)**

- Ants Boots & ant spray
- Bugs Bug spray
- Snakes Not often seen, high top boots
- Yellow jackets Leave the area

SAFETY & SUCCESS IN THE PATCH

- **Flora**

- Briars
- Falling limbs
& debris
- Leaf dust
- Poison ivy

Long pants & gloves

Safety glasses, hard
hat, spotter

Nose spray

Long sleeves, gloves,
Burt's Bees soap,
jewel weed, Lanacane

SAFETY & SUCCESS IN THE PATCH

- **Other hazards**

- Brown spots
from kudzu sap

Wear old or
khaki clothes

- Cut or other injury

First aide kit

- Footing

Step carefully, golf
shoes if steep

- Trash

Part of the job, take a
bucket

KEYS TO VOLUNTEER SUCCESS

- Keys:
 - Training
 - Tools & vests
 - Signs, flags, photos, etc. so volunteers and others can see the results
 - Quit before they want to quit
 - Recognition: Applause, applause, applause
 - Have fun (cookies, etc.)

HAVING FUN



HAVING MORE FUN ?



MANY POSITIVES FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Out doors
- Good exercise
- Stress release
- Instant gratification
- A real impact on environment
- Appreciation of natural environment & DNR preserved areas
- Intellectual challenge: Test & develop new treatments

STUDENTS LIKED KILLING KUDZU AT PETERS CREEK

- They asked if they could come back and do it again
- Dr. Newberry and the Kudzu Coalition were delighted

**THE STUDENTS ENJOYED
DR. NEWBERRY'S KNOWLEDGE,
TOURS, AND SENSE OF HUMOR**

